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FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY AND SCOTES

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SUBJ: FBIS ITEMS

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1. FOLLOWING TWO FBIS ITEMS HAVE JUST COME TO OUR ATTENTION:

2. QUOTE- AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 0900 GMT 26
FEB 74 M- BEGIN TEXT-- THE HEAD OF THE U.S. INTERESTS
SECTION AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, THOMAS SCOTES,
HAS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT AGREE WITH
ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOLAN
HEIGHTS ARE AN INSEPARABLE PART OF ISRAEL. IN A STATEMENT
TO THE LEBANESE NEWSPAPER DAILY STAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE
ARRIVAL OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IN THE
SYRIAN CAPITAL TODAY, MR. SCOTES SAID THAT THERE CAN BE NO
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PEACE IN THE AREA WITHOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE ONE

SIDE AND RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE ON THE OTHER.
END TEXT.-UNQUOTE

3. QUOTE-BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 1100 GMT 26
FEB 74 M-BEGIN TEXT- A PRESS REPORT SAYS THAT THE HEAD
OF THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN
DAMASCUS, THOMAS SCOTES, HAS DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES
DOES NOT AGREE WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR'S
STATEMENT AHT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS ARE AN INSEPARABLE PART OF
ISRAEL. THE U.S. DIPLOMAT ADDED: THIS STATEMENT HAS
GREATLY EMBARRASSED US AND HAS CAUSED REACTION IN THE AREA.
BUT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST ISRAELI ATTITUDE WE DO NOT
SUPPORT.

SCOTES SAID THAT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN THE AREA
WITHOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE ONE SIDE AND RECOGNITION
OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE ON THE OTHER.

DISCUSSING THE PALESTINIANS' ROLE, SOCTES SAID THAT
IF THE PALESTINIANS DO NOT AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A NEW STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, THIS WILL UNDOUBTED-
LY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR ANY SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. HE ADDED THAT THE U.S. AIM AT PRESENT IS TO BRING
ABOUT A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE
DANGERS OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. DR. KISSINGER INTENDS TO
TO DRAW UP A PLAN FOR DISENGAGEMENT AND FOR ACHIEVING PEACE.
THE BASES OF THIS PEACE WILL BE DEFINED IN GENEVA. END
TEXT-UNQUOTE.

4. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED
FOR USE AT THE NOON (WASHINGTON TIME) BRIEFING ON
FEBRUARY 26: WE HAVE ONLY SEEN THE FBIS ITEM ON THE
INTERVIEW AND DO NOT HAVE A FULL REPORT FROM DAMASCUS.
ON BACKGROUND AS YOU KNOW WE APPROACH REPORTS OF THIS KIND
OUT OF THE NEAR EAST WITH A GREAT DEAL OF CAUTION. THERE
WERE NO QUERIES AT THE NOON BRIEFING. CASEY

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